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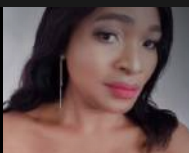
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Congratulations! You have thrived - not survived - another year by building yourself up to a higher position of well-deserved excellence. As The Feature, we saw it fitting to thank you for your dedicated readership and support throughout this year and give thanks to the great women of South Africa who strive to change the landscape for women empowerment and leave a footprint of excellence for future generations. So, we are dedicating a Feature of excellence to you, celebrating Top 50 Most Memorable women in South Africa.

As we all slow down and commence the merriment of the silly season, we want to sit in gratitude for you; for the path you have walked, and the abundance with which we are blessed through your delivery of excellence. The Feature would not be, if not for you.

We hope you enjoy our curated stories of thrive and excellence, of women who are working to change the game. We hope that this energizes you for the years to come - who knows, you might enter the Top 50 list next year!

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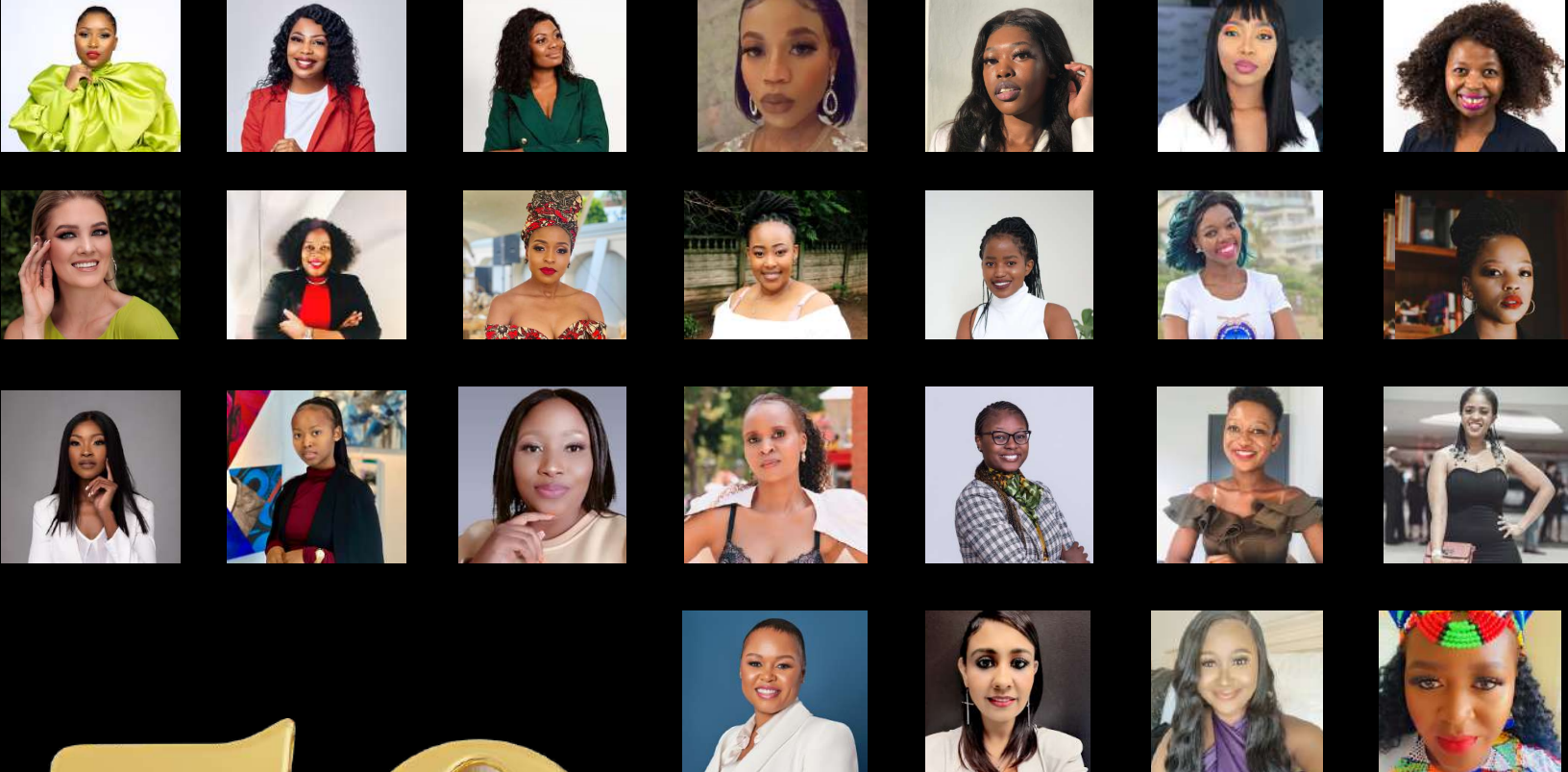
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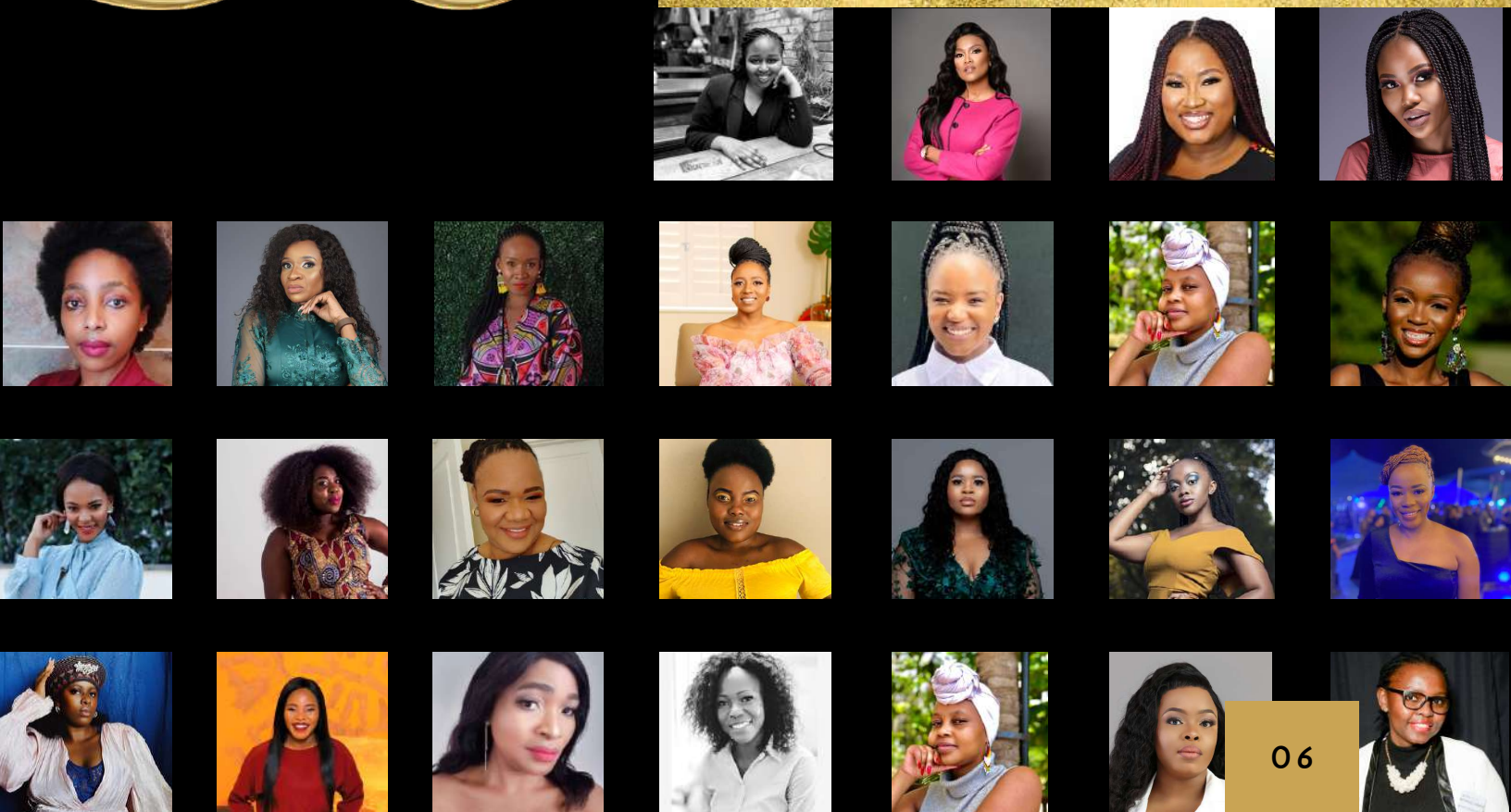
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Hloni Modise Matau

Hloni founded the Basadi in Music Awards with the aim of celebrating and honouring the contribution of phenomenal women in the music space. These awards are unique in that they not only recognise musicians but music producers, entertainment writers and stylists as well... Those who work behind the scenes and are seemingly unseen.

She worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the inaugural awards held earlier in October, identifying a gap in the market and accordingly paying homage to exceptional women in music.

Amongst all things she also has a PR agency called HM Entertainment that has contributed to the musical careers of Dr Tumi, Karabo Mogane, Caiphus Semenya and many more. HM also did PR for SAMAs from Sama19 to SAMA28. She also was awarded with the Sowetan Women in Media of the year 2022.



Nonhlanhla Buthelezi

Nonhlanhla Buthelezi born and bred in Ulundi in KZN, holds a Music and Sound Technology qualification, and has more than 10 years of experience as a sound/Studio Engineer. One of her milestones was when she worked on an album for Ladysmith Black Mambazo and it won a Grammy Award.

Over the years she was motivated by the scarcity of women in the entertainment industry and established the Fanelle Foundation with the aim to train and empower the next generation of young women in events Technical support, focusing on youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, townships and rural areas. Since its inception in 2017 Fanelle Foundation has trained a total of 64 young women across KwaZulu Natal, some from Ulundi, Mthwalume, Mgababa and Durban central. She was Featured in Ilanga, Isolezwe and Southland newspaper.

Her ambition and drive is said to be recognisable internationally, She has been Featured in East Africa Uganda Newspaper and was invited as a speaker on WISE Youth Global Program in Japan. She was identified and nominated as an impactful woman in engineering category for a WOMANDLA Women In STEM Award 2022.

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Nosipho Mncwabe

Nosipho started her media company NOS Media House from scratch and grew it against all odds to where it is today. She also introduced an NPO called NOS Foundation which focuses on empowering young teenagers to become the best version of themselves.

Her organisation has participated in primary school and high school empowerment initiatives for young girls in the rural communities affected by the KZN floods.

Additionally, Nosipho has introduced a new business magazine called WearYourBrand Magazine which is more about connecting small businesses and major ones. This magazine features one of the main respected business man like Vivian Reddy, King MisiZulu , AmaZulu Soccer club etc, the magazine will be launching on the 17th of December in Durban ICC.

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Zanele Phakathi

Amongst many pageant titles including being the youngest finalist for Miss South Africa 2019, Zanele is a true reflection of hard work and zeal. She is a director of Diamonds Model Academy which focuses on commercial, pageantry, runway and branding training.

Zanele recently hosted a phenomenal masterclass in Johannesburg giving women and girls tools, empowerment, and an opportunity to network. She is also a founder of a registered NPC called Za Powerhouse which primarily focuses on empowering and changing the lives of youth. This is achieved through initiatives and charity work such as food drives, take a child to Matric dance, career exhibitions, helping learners register for higher education, pad drive, empowerment events amongst others.

Zanele is also an executive in a coding academy that introduces young kids in the township to STEM. At just 24 she has made a great impact in the communities she helps and South Africa at large. She is always pushing women and girls to believe in themselves and remind them that where you come from doesn't determine where you're going.



Ancillar Nombewu



Anela Mahamba



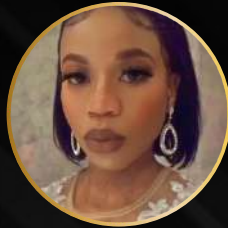
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Ancillar Nombewu

Ancillar Nombewu is a journalist who believes in the power of storytelling to make an impact in society. As a child, she spent long hours glued to the TV, fascinated by the news.

Ancillar knew she wanted to be a journalist reporting on African stories from age 12. She began her journalism career with Caxton Community Newspapers immediately after completing her honours degree at the University of Johannesburg. A year after, she was head hunted by Forbes Africa magazine, where she worked for three and a half years and quickly made a name for herself in the industry.

Ancillar has interviewed most of Africa's billionaires like Christo Wiese, founder of Shoprite and Steinhoff, Michiel Le Roux, founder of Capitec and the late Richard Maponya. She also compiled the coveted Forbes Africa 30 under 30 list and became a voice for African entrepreneurship. The success earned her a news anchoring spot on CNBC Africa anchoring a weekly show called Business Tonight in 2017. In 2020 she became a Freelance Reporter for BBC World News for a weekly show called In Business Africa.

In 2017 Ancillar founded Rallinca Media, a PR and marketing firm based in Johannesburg, but now operational in five countries. The firm is a committed and innovative public relations company with a team that has extensive experience in handling various media spanning from print and digital, to broadcasting. In addition, they specialise in managing special media events such as news conferences and promotional functions. Over the years, the company has worked with companies like Sibanye Stillwater, Native Child, GreenHouse Capital, Enygma Ventures, Start-up Circles, Umodzi Gin, Haute Afrika, Business Women's Association of South Africa and many more.

In 2021, ANCILLAR entered into the beverage space by becoming a partner at Umodzi Gin, Africa's newest luxury gin brand. She also founded FreshGenie, South Africa's newest meal kit service which will deliver the best recipes and ingredients right to the customer's doorstep. FreshGenie is being launched as a way to help the community at large to become stronger, healthier and happier. It is a life changing service that is not only convenient but essential to many South Africans. FreshGenie helps foodie fanatics realize their gastronomy goals. If they are trying to stick to a diet, host their first dinner party or experiment with traditionally African food or just trying to get a healthy meal onto the table for their family.

Ancillar is an Ambassador for the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). UNHCR, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people. She works tirelessly to change the narrative of the African refugee through using her high net worth individual connections, journalism and PR expertise.

Over the years, Ancillar had won multiple awards in journalism, leadership and entrepreneurship such as

- Mail & Guardian Top Power Women in Business 2022
- CNN/ MultiChoice Young Journalist of the Year Award
- Sanlam Excellence in Financial Journalism: Africa Growth Story award
- Sanlam Excellence in Financial Journalism Young Journalist of the Year Award
- ZIMEO Award for technology reporting
- Breaking Down Borders Leadership Award
- Zim Achievers Award: Media Personality of the Year
- Finalist: Foreign Press Association Young Journalist of the Year award
- 100 Most Influential Young Africans
- Gumiguru 40 under 30 Emerging Leaders Award
- The Incredible Women Series: Making Power Moves in Journalism

In 2023 Ancillar is set to further expand her entrepreneurial ventures.



Anela Mahamba

Anela is the Founding Director of Kore Business Solutions. As a Social Entrepreneur, she's very passionate about entrepreneurship, community development and empowering women.

Anela leads community development projects aimed at empowering women to start their own companies, NPOs and projects for the betterment of their own lives, households and communities. These projects include Employability Workshops, Soup Kitchen Workshops, Business Workshops and Community Centers. Anela started the Ngwekazi Woman Empowerment Program aimed at equipping woman student entrepreneurs with the business skills they need to establish and grow their own business. This will also help curb the high unemployment rate in South Africa. The program is aimed at woman students all over Africa.

Currently, Anela is working on a Mental and Financial Wellness Program aimed at providing women with the tools to overcome the Covid 19 pandemic. She especially assists women in township and rural areas with little to no information to aid their social challenges. Anela is one of the Mail & Guardian's Powerful Women of 2021, Sunday World's Heroic Women of 2022 and the Nation Builders Development's National Builder of the Year award holder under the Business Category.



Ayanda Majola

Ayanda Majola is a 22-year-old Medical Science student and entrepreneur. She is the founder of Yanda Cosmetics which is an acne care skincare brand that is changing the landscape of the South African beauty industry through scientifically formulated products and mental health advocacy.

Ayanda is one of the winners in the Mail & Guardian 200 Young South Africans 2022 in the business and entrepreneurship category and was recently recognized by Alex Mall as a trailblazing young business owner in the community, where she received business funding. She was also nominated by SHE Awards Africa in the most promising founder under 30 categories. She donates a portion of her sales to non-profit organizations that support youth struggling with mental health issues.



Entrepreneur

Bontle Mapela

Bontle Mapela has always been most comfortable following creative pursuits. This passion for construction and design, culminated in her, the courageous desire to launch her very own construction company and interior design studio in 2018.

Known for her skill in transforming spaces into bespoke conceptions, her touch exudes comfort and luxury- a perfect union of function and flair, executed to precision. For Bontle, construction and interior design need to have a narrative; layers of meaning that work together to create not just a cohesive environment, but also an experience that engages the senses.

Bontle founded an independent charity aimed at improving the living conditions of handicapped children in Diepkloof during her matric year. This has since shifted, as the charity, BBG Cares, is now focused on empowering young women through community-led infrastructure projects which train and hire women in construction.

So far, BBG Cares has been able to help build a day care centre, buy electric wheelchairs, open a carpentry and mechanical skills workshop and train over 30 women. In addition to running her charity, Bontle has managed multi-disciplinary design teams and worked on a number of high-profile projects.



Innocentia Mamaila

Innocentia Mamaila is a great example for young entrepreneurs in South Africa. After most entrepreneurs lost everything through the Covid19 pandemic, she assisted in re-creating back to business opportunities through supply chain. Innocentia started collecting used cooking oil to convert it into biodiesel. Through this, she was able to employ 10 young people in local communities who through this opportunity, were able to take care of their families. Over time, she created 40 jobs for young women in rural communities.

Innocentia has partnerships in various African countries with women in rural communities who work on agriculture projects. Through her initiative she promotes a greener environment and sustainable economy for food security.

She is young, brave, bold and approaching international investors to change the lives of her people, at a very young age.



Matshepo Molotsi

Matshepo Molotsi is the CEO & Founder of KebaaSkin organic skincare. She is an architect by profession, a beauty & style enthusiast, a creative visionary and an entrepreneur by passion.

Matshepo started her business in April 2021, and named it after her late Mother- Kebaakae, who she lost to Covid in December 2020.

In the last 1 year and 8 months of starting her business, she was nominated for the Female Founders Initiative Middle East and Africa Awards in the Young Emerging Entrepreneur of the year category.

She was nominated as a top 3 finalist for Prestigious Fabulous Woman Awards in the Fabulous girl of the year category.

She was part of the Standard Bank Basali Development programme 2021-2022, of which she was selected and awarded grant business funding. Matshepo was also a winner at the SEDA pitch and perfect national competition, taking first place in the North-West Province.

Recently, Mathsepo was interviewed on YouFM's business hour slot. She was selected as a finalist and won funding from Hollywood Foundation and the Nomzamo Lighthouse foundation in October 2021. She was also featured on international publications like the GirlTable-W founders and the Jambo Africa Online publication. She was on the cover of Fetch your life magazine in the December 2021 issue, and earlier in 2021 she launched her own Hotel range.

Through her brand, she aims to inspire, motivate and encourage women to turn adverse situations in their lives into entrepreneurial opportunities.



Eunice Maeshibe Marema

Eunice Maeshibe is a 33-year-old founder and CEO of Maeshibe Coffee. She is also a Captain in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), a philanthropist, an alumnae on African Political Economy from the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute and currently doing Postgraduation studies in Business Administration at Tshwane University of Technology.

Maeshibe Coffee is a project that started with the intention of alleviating poverty, creating employment and imparting Batista skills for underprivileged community members.

Born in a small village in Limpopo Province called Zebediela that has little to no access to basic resources, she knows how it feels to go to bed hungry. In 2020 Maeshibe Coffee initiated a “Free Coffee Campaign” when the President declared the State of National Disaster and the country went on a total Lockdown Level 5. This campaign targeted front line workers, specifically Security Forces who worked under that Lockdown Level 5 enforcing regulations. This project was endorsed by the Log Support Formation which is one of the divisions in the SANDF. They served FREE coffee to over 1000 soldiers and traffic officers for over two (2) months. Soldiers who were doing patrols and supporting traffic officers on roadblocks.

Eunice Maeshibe was amongst the 100 Most Influential Young South Africans by Avance Media in 2020



Lydia Hlongwane

Lydia Hlongwane is the managing director of Imbali Group of Companies and the co-founder of I.C.A.R.E. She is a life coach, a leader at maestro South Africa and a motivational speaker. She is a confident, caring and virtuous young woman who stands up for what is right.

Lydia is currently working on various social upliftment campaigns and projects such as the Mpumalanga Creative Art Summit which gathers 500+ World Arts Professionals, the Treat Her Like A Queen Campaign, which gives young girls an opportunity to experience life out of the rural area, the Groom a child campaign, which empowers girls through talks, tutoring lessons and mentorship, and the Rare disease fundraising campaign, which helps young people who are diagnosed with rare diseases from previously disadvantaged families to get transplants and other resources to assist with day to day life.

Lydia Hlongwane is an international award holder for her philanthropic work. She is a YALI - RLC-SA Alumni for the first cohort. She was nominated for the Inspiring Fifty awards in 2018. She was awarded with the Owami Woman Award in 2018, and the Mandela of The Future Award in 2018 as well. In 2019, Lydia obtained the Presidential Award, and was selected as one of the 100 Top SA Ambassadors for 2020. In the same year, she was nominated for the African Youth Leader Award and was named as one of the Ackerman's Women Heroes. Lydia also received the Woman of Wonder Award in 2020, she had her name added to the Hall of Heroes 2020 and was included in the South Africa Top 100 Influential Youth list of 2020. In that same year, she received an award by the Africa Brand Summit.

Lydia is one of the Young African Leadership Initiative fellows and the Brand South Africa Ambassador for Play Your Part. She is a Finalist for the Africa4women awards in the humanitarian category 2022, and the International Women of inspiration awards 2022.



Masake Maleka

Masake has made major contributions to tip the equality balances in her favour. At the age of 23, she is a recent Psychology major graduate and now currently an LLB student who is impacting the world by sitting on the UN and World Economic Forum and advocating for mental health issues as a global shaper, amplifying the voice of Africa and young, capable and educated individuals.

She is the Corporate Social Investment Manager and Chairperson of ANB Investments (Clemengold), where her mission is to strengthen academia and establish early childhood development centres in underprivileged areas. She actively pursues the SDGs and works internationally to combat inequality through initiatives that place young people, especially woman, in positions of leadership. She makes sure to highlight the achievements made by women to their industry and the advancement of society as a whole.



Nombini Dingela

Nombini started a social impact driven business from scratch in 2019. She actively and consciously works every day in creating a much healthier and health-conscious community by creating products and services that delivers value.

Nombini is currently running a fundraising campaign for her social impact initiative called Sustain healthy eating habits -using what you have at your disposal, where her aim is to empower and teach elderly citizens in different communities a few tricks they can use in the kitchen to sustain eating healthier. She'll be distributing a 10-page picture curated booklet to make it easier for them to understand and keep up with the recipes in the comfort of their homes. With this, she wants to create inclusivity in healthy lifestyle for senior citizens and show unity by demonstrating that we have not forgotten them and that we care.

The goal is to host a demo session by March 2023, with an attendance of a 100 senior citizens. This will be carried out 4 times a year. The target is those living in underprivilege communities and rural areas. Though they have the skill and know-how on how to plant, they still need some education on how to prepare their produce in a way that offers more nutrition.

Nombini hopes to impact ten thousand senior citizens by 2025 through this initiative.



Sandiswa Mgozeli

Sandiswa Mgozeli is the founder of Epitomely PRM, a PR and Marketing Agency and Epitomely Interior Doctors, an interior design company that safely focuses on furniture piece manufacturing. She is also a Walter Sisulu University Convocation Executive member that advocates for change together with students and sits at Chairperson level in the transformative structure focused on highlighting women in the Eastern Cape Transportation sector.

Throughout her career, Sandiswa has worked with some of the most visible companies, brands and organizations. Her roster of client experience includes work for Forbes International business coach Tamiko Cuellar, the Womandla Foundation, Zevo travels, BCM Maskandi Festival and others.

Her resourceful approach has been recognized with nominations and awards including a nomination for the Standard Bank Top Women Awards in the young achiever category in 2019, The South African Heroes Business Empowerment Award, the Buffalo City Metro Municipality's (BCMMs) Female Entrepreneur of The Year Award (2019) and the Nomzamo Mbatha Lighthouse Foundation with Hollywood Bets Foundation Business Woman of The Year Award (2022).

Sandiswa was also a rising star nominee for the 2020 SANTAM Women of The Future Awards in partnership with Fairlady and True love magazine, and an entrepreneurship category nominee in the top 3 for the Eastern Cape Youth Awards 2021. She was a finalist for Manufacturing Founder of The Year African Award and was invited to Dubai as a delegate for Arab Youth International Model United Nations in May 2022.

The young female entrepreneur was selected as a delegate to be representing South Africa in Asia for the 2019 Asia World Model United Nations in November where South Africa won 5 awards.



Thandeka Mngomezulu

Thandeka Mngomezulu is the CEO and founder of TotalServe Facilities Management. TSFM is in the Facilities Management and Cleaning & Hygiene sector.

Thandeka started the company from zero in 2013 and now employs 560 employees from underprivileged communities. She always goes the extra mile to upskill the youth and women in communities in KZN. TSFM is a role player in the Infrastructure sector with international standards of ISO 9001:2015 and 1400:2015.

Thandeka is also a Managing Partner for Thasola Consulting, an accounting and statutory compliance firm which plays a major role in assisting SMME's start, manage and grow their businesses. Thandeka advocates for Women empowerment in all she does. She is also a Founder of Ink Foundation, a charity organization that thrives to assist communities in Bursaries, Food, Health and Wellness initiatives. Thandeka has empowered many communities through the work she does to Uplift the youth and women as well as through Early Childhood Development Initiatives.

Thandeka deserves to be honored amongst other thriving women in business and entrepreneurship. Her leadership style is one that focuses on Empathy as well as Diversity and Inclusion. Thandeka's Awards and Achievements include:

- Standard Bank, Top Co Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, 2021
- SEDA SMME of the year Entrepreneur of the year in 2019
- VV Grow Fellow in 2019, representing SA with 40 women from around the world in Amsterdam
- Investec Global Exposure Beneficiary , 2016 in Berlin, Germany
- Durban Chamber of Commerce Incubation Beneficiary, 2017
- PropPreneur X graduate in 2020



Thandi Ngxongo

Dr Thandi Ngxongo is an inspiring business-woman and a Chemical Engineer by profession who holds a Doctoral Degree in Business Administration. She is an education activist who is passionate about developing and inspiring other people.

She has acquired the BP Moore Road Petrol Service Station and is also a founder and director of Thandi's Kitchen. She is a founder of uThandekile Foundation which is a vehicle to spread love through initiatives like rural kids dream big, women with drive, women in STEM and other youth empowerment initiatives. She fosters relationships that aims to empower women and youth through her collaborations with different organizations such as the UKZN, eThekweni Municipality, SMG BMW Ballito, Icebolethu Foundation, Hollywood Foundation and Sanlam.

Dr Thandi has been featured on various national publications like the Sunday Times, Sunday Tribune, ILanga, Isolezwe etc. and she has contributed on local radio stations such as Radio 2000, Ukhozi, Igagasi and Vuma FM. She is a key-note speaker and has stepped on global stages delivering speeches in Dubai, Mauritius, KL in Malaysia and other countries.

Her accolades include winning Nedbank Womandla Award 2018 in Chemical Engineering category, Standard Bank KZN Top Business Inspiring Woman in Business Award 2021, Standard Bank KZN Top Business Award recognizing BP Moore Road Service Station for Exceeding customer expectation. Dr Thandi has won the Global SHE Awards in the top ladies in Business category 2022, and Woman of Stature Global Award 2022 in the Woman in Oil and Gas category.

Dr Thandi is also a Member of Golden Key International Honour Society. She is wife and a mother who advocates for a balanced lifestyle.



Trudy Zulu

Trudy Zulu is the epitome of resilience which is what entrepreneurship is about. She is the founder of Zapporrah an online and retail clothing brand made local to sell to the global market. Her heart is for Africa and in contributing to building the Africa we want.

Trudy is the co-founder of T&T Multimedia a young film and television company that aims to tell our authentic African stories. She is a firm believer in empowering people and thus founded Bloom with Grace with the aim of inspiring and provoking individuals towards unearthing their potential. This organization hosts financial and entrepreneurship events in partnership with some of the country's top brands for transfer of knowledge and skill, sparking fresh conversations directed at solutions that can benefit our country and ultimately our continent. Bloom with Grace conversations are also available via podcast on streaming platforms, US based streaming platform and soon on Dstv.



Vumile Msweli

Vumile Msweli is the founder of Hesed Consulting, a Pan-African coaching firm with presence in Botswana, South Africa, Rwanda, Kenya, Nigeria and the United States of America. She is a TedX speaker having addressed the African Union and the Women's Economic Forum. Vumi is the voice behind the world of work and has been featured on Botswana's Duma FM, Nigeria's Smooth FM as well as South Africa's Kaya FM in Africa, CNBC Africa, Business Day (Nigeria), and ENCA (Ghana).

Vumile has worked for reputable companies all over the world including Barclays and Vodafone. She holds an Accounting Sciences degree, an Honours in Financial Planning, a Postgraduate degree from New York University, an MBA from the University of London, another Postgraduate at Harvard University and is currently studying her Doctorate in Switzerland.

Her business accolades include being named Mail & Guardians Top 200 young South Africans, CEO Magazine's Pan-African Businesswoman, Forbes Woman Council Member, Top 100 South Africans by Avance Media and Brand South Africa's Play Your Part Ambassador.

She is an incredible coach and is constantly educating others in personal development in their careers, across the continent.



Zakithi Mcwango

Zakithi Mcwango is the founder of Valora, a wellness platform and body care brand that seeks to dramatically unlock this very important idea of delivering “beauty & wellness for all”.

Valora is driven by nature with ingredients that are uncompromisingly sourced and responsibly produced locally in Cape Town, South Africa. There is an inconceivable number of beauty businesses that are simply selling products, but a very special and important few that are building wellness from the inside out – going beyond solving a cosmetic need, which Valora is doing.”



Andisa Liba



Duduzile Mabaso



Fortune Mbopo



Emunah Mabena



Karabo Mokgonyana



Koketso Makua



Mathabiso Chamane



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Andisa Liba

Andisa co-founded Women's Tech Connection in 2019 and has been advocating for the success of Women in this male dominated industry of IT & Technology. Her and her co-founder tirelessly hold seminars and Live Tech sessions every weekend, in which Women of all ages who are interested in learning about IT can join in, listen and ask questions.

They have produced 3 female CCIE Certified Engineers since starting their program and have grown into Nigeria (2020) and will be going Live in Kenya by 2023. Andisa is an all round phenomenal woman to say the least and is currently working with Float Pays to help employers bring financial wellness to their employees' lives by taking the philosophy of financial wellness and applying the financial instruments to help African workers build towards financial resilience.

Andisa has recently been appointed as the CEO of the Pan African Chamber of Commerce. In this role, she is the strategic head whose mandate is to lead the chamber's vision of leading socio-economic transformation through innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship. In this role Andisa leads the implementation of the executive various priority initiatives from the (African Youth Institute) Women (Women Entrepreneurship Centre) and Culture (African Culture Institute)

Andisa is also a contributing writer for The Feature Magazine where her articles aim to empower the readers on financial wellness, employee wellness etc. Her articles have been well received and one of the most read in the issue.



Duduzile Mabaso

Duduzile founded her Non-profit organisation HER PRIDE in 2018. HER PRIDE is a Non-profit organization that is aimed at holistic human development primarily for young girls. It is through the human development programs that focus on mental health, menstrual health and career development that the organization aims to accomplish its vision of Developing Quality Leaders Through Paradigm Transformation.

Through her organisation she has impacted over 4000 young girls in public schools in the Vaal area alongside 3 women shelters and 2 children's homes through workshops and dignity packs. Her passion and pursuit of providing young girls with access to the skills, knowledge and tools they need to reach their full potential and unleash their power of self, led her to working for and with personal development non-profit companies, brands and individuals such as Coach T, A Million Girls Foundation, Mphoentle and Golden Key [to mention a few].

Furthermore, she joined Amnesty International, the Wits Chapter as Secretary General in 2021 and resides as President for the 2022 term/s, where she focuses on human rights education for scholars in high schools as well as activism for equality and the enjoyment of human rights in society and on campus! She is born with a heart for service and strives to continue championing the fight for empowerment and the enjoyment of human rights by all girls and women globally.



Fortune Mbopo

At 24 years old, Fortune Mbopo the founder of @inspireateen_sa has already found her passion and goal in life: to change the lives of others for the better.

Her organisation, (@inspireateen), is focused on the development of teenagers around different communities, especially in the North-West. (@inspireateen) also partner with other organisations and youth leaders from different provinces that play their part in developing communities by making contributions to shelters.

Fortune has seen many successes in her burgeoning career, most recently sweeping awards like the SA Heroes Awards for playing a role in empowering young people/teens. Fortune is an advocate for Social Change & Gender-Equality, and an award winning philanthropist with some of the following accolades under her belt;

- Public Choice Award - Prime SA 2019
- Presidential Award Winner - Compassion and work with young girls and women.
- Top 100 Youngest Mandelas of the Future
- Featured on one of the largest magazines, Cosmopolitan for UNDER 25 ladies that are doing well globally - 2019
- Featured on Africa Fashion week as one of the TOP African young woman doing
- great things - 2019
- Youth Leader Award from Women's Lifestyle Network - 2019
- Miss Gauteng Exclusive Community Service 2018 Miss Prime SA 2019
- Spoke at the 2nd annual BRING A GIRL CHILD TO University Johannesburg
- Miss Eco-Tourism World Africa Influencer 2021
- Miss Mamelodi Sundowns North West 2021/22



Emunah Promise Mabena

Emunah has been an inspiration to women not only in South Africa but also in other parts of Africa like Malawi, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique and Swaziland, where she has done work through her platform Esther's Crown which teaches, encourages, inspires, influences women to live with integrity and purpose thereby maintaining the crown on their head without losing their dignity and power.

Emunah is an author, public speaker, philanthropist and a tv presenter. She is self-motivational and never backs down no matter what comes her way. Her latest book *Easily Misunderstood* is what women in our nation need to read so we can all be empowered and love who we are.

She is powerful and phenomenal. She hosts prayer picnics for the youth to support spiritually and support in mental health issues. She has been of great help with her winter soup drive to informal settlements in Cloverdene and zwakala skwata camp around Daveyton, Gauteng. Her heart to serve across genders, skin colour and all ages is what always stands out. She is indeed memorable in our African continent



Karabo Mokgonyana

Karabo Mokgonyana is an award winning and internationally recognised youth and gender activist who's committed her career to advancing social justice and socio-economic freedom through advocacy and campaigning, groundwork, research, advisory work and high-level project coordination.

Karabo was raised in a rural village that exposed her to the realities of food insecurity, poverty and inequality - which led to her interest in social and economic development of marginalised communities. Karabo is a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws graduate from the University of Witwatersrand. She is completing a Masters in International Law with the same institution. She has over 6 years' experience working in the development work from a grassroots level to international level. Karabo has worked with organizations such as UNESCO, Restless Development, the British Council, Mandela Institute of Development Studies, CIVICUS and Transparency International in social development work.

Karabo is an outgoing member of the Youth Advisory Panellist for UNFPA South Africa, one of five African Youth Ambassadors for Peace with the African Union, one of the 12 global Youth Power Panel with Restless Development and a Youth and Gender Innovation Expert for UNDP's Africa Borderlands Centre. She was named one of 25 Cosmopolitan Magazine's Next Generation Voices in Africa, Top 200 Mail & Guardian Young South Africans in Civic Leadership, JCI Ten Outstanding Young Persons of South Africa 2021 and one of the 100 Most Influential Young Africans of 2021 by Avance Media.

Karabo has successfully led the implementation of programs advancing women empowerment under the Global Fund and the Joint Gender Fund and has implemented CSI programmes for corporates like Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr. She contributed to the development of the UN Security Council's Independent Progress Study report on Youth, Peace and Security, has spoken before the UN Security Council and AU Peace and Security Council to advise on youth and gender programming. She is a Program Director at Sesi Fellowship and Skill Hub focusing on women empowerment, a former Civic Space Research Consultant at CIVICUS covering international human rights protection in four regions and is a former a Campaigns Coordinator at Change.org leading some big campaigns around water and sanitation, gender-based violence and climate change.

Karabo has led some of the largest campaigns in South Africa e.g. Shell Sismic Survey for East Coast, Bolt not vetting their drivers and the numerous GBV complaints and the recent Stellenbosch racial issue. Karabo was Coordinator of the Commonwealth Youth Human Rights & Democracy Network focusing on the protection of human rights within the 54 commonwealth countries and now advises various international organisations on youth and gender intersectional interventions.



Koketso Makua

Koketso is a founder and CEO of Mrs and Miss Township SA and Teen, and her Platform has proven to be an empowerment programme to each and everyone that enters the pageant.

Kokesto also has a charity organisation, the Little Girl Arise foundation that carries the main purpose of keeping a girl child in school through the provision of sanitary pads to students in need.

To date 56 000 pads have been distributed between 2021 and 2022, 700 dignity packs distributed, 120 entrepreneur programs have been completed and over 30 businesses started by cohort members.

Through the work by Koketso, local communities lives are touched and people are changed.



Mathabiso Moloi Chamane

Mathabiso has created an effective networking platform where women get to showcase their businesses. Her organisation, Women Navigating the Future, empowers women to be agents of change in boardrooms and society.

In 2020, Mathabiso's organisation assisted over 1000 child-headed families with food parcels and distributed over 5000 sanitary towels through NPOs in Mpumalanga, Johannesburg, Newcastle and Limpopo. The organisation also has a graduate program which has assisted and contributed to capping the high employment rate because it has connected more than 70% of its students to employers.

Mathabiso is a mentor and coach and has helped many women start businesses and impactful organisations. In 2021 Mathabiso through the Women Navigating the Future received recognition as the Driver of Change by Gender-links, recognised by Heroines Awards in the Category: of Presidential Women Empowerment. In 2022, she was recognised as one of 100 shining stars by Inside Education.

Mathabiso is an Accountant by profession who sits on various boards including Softstart BTI, Nkangala District Municipality and all six of its local municipalities, as well as Genderlinks. Sitting on these boards has allowed her to take up opportunities to influence policies in matters affecting women, to deliver mandates given to her by women of the network and remind her all the time that she is the voice of many women.

Mathabiso is doing all these whilst being a mother, wife, and senior manager in one Public Entity heading the Audit and Risk Unit



Marion Peake

Marion is a beacon of hope to all women and children. Marion is an inspiration to society and a mom of 27 children. While facing cancer she focuses on saving abused, abandoned and rape victim babies and children. Taking them into her own home and giving them the opportunity to be loved and afforded an opportunity to education.

Marion has a double mastectomy but enters beauty pageants to break society's stigma of what beauty is or what the ideal woman is or looks like. She was a Semi-finalist for Mrs South Africa 2022 and a Finalist for Supreme Queen Global Earth Africa 2022 currently.

She is the CEO of an organization named Helping Those In Need, an NPO where she enables 2200 children to receive a meal daily over and above availing her home to abused, abandoned, rape victims and pregnant teens. Marion also advocates against GBV, poverty, child abuse and stereotyping of women and bullying.

Marion aims to be the first Beauty Queen Winner with no breasts and underprivileged in the world, to send a clear message of hope to our little girls who are dreaming big but give up on their dreams, desires and vision because society places them into boxes.



Mokete Moetela

Mokete Moetela moved from empowering women on her Mokete Moetela Show on YouTube to facilitating Monthly Masterclasses with Toastmasters Southern Africa, hosting delegates from 12 Southern African countries.

Mokete created the platform in order to have a wider reach and to endorse strategic and courageous conversations. Hosting leaders like Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng (SA), Caleb Annobil (Ghana) and Patience Chisanga (Germany).

Mokete is the Vice President, Education and Council Member at Toastmasters D74. She is a board member of MConnect and subcommittee of the BYM Board. She was one of Africa's brightest Young minds in 2021, holding a Bachelor of Science degree and MDP, currently studying for her PGDPM with Regent Business School.



Mushayathoni Bridget Nwovhe

Mushayathoni runs Youth Anatomy, which is focused on Gender Based Violence and mental health awareness. She is the founder of Bee Confident, which focuses on public speaking, coaching, mentorship and event planning.

Mushayathoni has gained wide recognition for her work, celebrating the below accolades:

- Mushayathoni Bridget Nwovhe was awarded global good governance ambassadors 2022, Nigeria.
- A finalist of woman of stature global 2022.
- A nominee of Influential Women of the year, awards expected to happen in December 2022.
- She's a winner of 2020 South African Shinning stars, (Inside Education), for her community projects .
- In 2021, she was nominated as an inspiring future leader who resembles Nelson Mandela by Masterart which also gave her an opportunity to study artificial intelligence with Gibbs at the university of Pretoria.
- She was a finalist of Woman of stature awards 2020, Youth Ambassador category.
- She was also nominated for City awards 2020, artist of the year.
- In 2019, She won True Shine award, by Every Girl Has A Dream.
- In 2018, She won 2nd.Prize, Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry.
- Her Tshivenda poetry collection, He li shango a li na tshilidzi, is an awardee of National Library of South Africa Community Publishing Grant.

- Her work as a poet has been featured on Tapping into poetry anthology.
- In 2017, she published a poetry collection titled, "Calendar's Time"
- Her work has appeared in different websites like, Fundza, AVBOB poetry, Kalahari Review, The New Ink review and many others.
- Collectors of African Literature in Nigeria has published her work.
- She has written a powerful poem to President Ramaphosa, which can be found on fundza website, "Send Ramaphosa":
<https://live.fundza.mobi/home/fanz/poetry/send-ramaphosa/>
- In 2019; she was selected as a Black women in Science fellow; an NPC aimed at empowering Black Women In Sciences .
- In 2020; she was selected for a leadership training program for young leaders by Activate Academy.
- Her work as a poet has been published in Sol Plaatje European Union poetry anthology vol 8 and Vol 9 .



Nandi Jiyane

Nandi is an advocate for Gender Equality. She holds a diverse acumen in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), corporate communications and project management. She forms part of the Mercedes-Benz South Africa Transformation and Women's Forums, where she contributes to the achievement of an equal, diverse and inclusive workplace.

In 2020, she founded Women Leaders South Africa for current and emerging women leaders to connect, inspire and empower each other. Parallely, Nandi runs her own Foundation – a non-profit organisation (NPO), founded under Women Leaders South Africa that aims to break the cycle of exclusion in vulnerable communities. The organisation established a youth empowerment programme in the Atteridgeville, Pretoria and has since collaborated with over 20 big brands to uplift the youth and women. In 2022, Women Leaders South Africa was voted Top Youth-Owned NPO and recently started a Life Garden Project together with Child Welfare Tshwane and Thrive for Good in hopes to drive food security and feed over 300 families.

Through Nandi's passion for sustainable impact, she shares the boardroom with thought leaders as the youngest board member of Child Welfare Tshwane.



Natasha Zantsi

Natasha Zantsi was born and bred in the dusty streets of KuBhanti village in Cofimvaba. She holds a Diploma in Business Management and is a trained creative writer, filmmaker and performing artist.

Natasha has written a book titled *Let go of the past and liberate*. Natasha is a rape survivor, HIV warrior and bullying survivor. She wrote about this in her book of which she donated 100 copies to the East London Female Correctional Center with the aim to heal, empower, and give hope to those that feel hopeless behind bars.

Natasha is also the founder and CEO of her own company: Natasha Zantsi Investment Group which under the company she produced redbush tea brand called "Mako-T premium Redbush Tea", she also produced alkaline water called "Ingxangxasi Alkaline water". She recently got an African Honouree Authors Award, and now she's been nominated for Global African Awards England Edition 2022.



Ncedeka Bophe

After failing her matric, Ncedeka returned to school after eight years and returned with a bachelors pass. By this, she gained acceptance into UNISA and decided to use her experience to fuel her new journey of teaching young women in the community to pass their matric. Ncedeka has dedicated herself to this cause and has work tirelessly to ensure that there are no limits or deadlines in achieving one's dreams.

Ncedeka is also a singer who was recently nominated in the EVMA at Joburg market theatre by SAMRO and other partnering institutions in the category of best directed music video.



Refilwe Mongale

Refilwe has done tremendous work to unlock the potential of the youth and women in the rural communities, particularly for women in the Taung (Northwest Province) and Lephalale (Limpopo Province) regions.

Refilwe managed to create platforms on the local Community Radio Stations where she shares her HR and career related expertise relating to how to break into the job market and retain jobs. Her content covers topics around how to draft your CV professionally to be more appealing and marketable to potential employers, and how to prepare yourself for a job interview. It unpacks different interview questions, discusses the different careers that are available in the job market, how to network for business opportunities, and leveraging on mentorship programs, just to mention a few topics. The topics are also recorded on the Tik Tok platform and accessible for anyone to watch and share or save for later use.

Refilwe's work has helped the community members, and people in general, to prepare better and participate in the job market with their minds opened. Her humility, passion and immense HR knowledge makes her do this so flawlessly and naturally.

Refilwe is also an initiator of a platform called Power Circle, where she facilitates conversations around women empowerment and support, at a large Mining Company. The platform was created for the women at the Mine to share their work and personal challenges with each other. During the sessions, she would facilitate peer coaching amongst the women to enable them to co-create solutions to their challenges and learn from each other's experiences.



S'phelele Mlungwani

S'phelele is the Founder of a Women's Engagement initiative called The Noble Woman, which seeks to empower and groom women in all spheres of life to become a success in their respective fields and actively contribute to the economy.

S'phelele has successfully hosted four annual women Empowerment Gala Dinner events in Tzaneen, Limpopo, which have changed the lives of many women in the area, with another instalment Scheduled for 2023.

With her passion for Women and the Girl Child, she started a mentorship programme for young girls through bootcamps, hosted twice a year to equip and educate our future leaders outside the social environment. She was also a Mrs SA Semi-Finalist, in which she aimed to show women that there are no limits or restrictions to achieving anything you want in this life. She was recognised by the Mail & guardian as an active contributor to women empowerment in SA.



Sibongile Ndawo Engel

Sibongile started Sibongile Legacy Media to promote and give a platform to young and upcoming musicians from the rural South Coast. She also started a Foundation called Sibongile Ndawo Engel Foundation where she raises awareness on Gender Based Violence through which she rescued a kidnapped victim. She also collects food and clothing for underprivileged communities, and runs a medical supplies Business where she donates wheelchairs to the most needy customers.



Tshepo Makubu

Tshepo Makupu is a vibrant Johannesburg based mental health awareness advocate and the founder of Palesa ya Setchaba foundation. She reminds us to practice self-love, being kind to our bodies along with educating us on mindfulness and finding new ways to manage stress and anxiety.

Through her life experience in teaching self-love she then embarked on the entrepreneurial journey of opening her very own spa TPM beauty spa which focuses on holistic methods of self-love from mental teachings to body care and treatments. Through her pageantry experience she has since been involved in multiple charity organisations which help women who have been through trauma and abuse and also providing basic supplies to children's home where the need has been identified.

Currently, she is running a skills development program aimed at equipping young women in learning new skills and turning those skills into income generating ventures, She believes in empowering young women not only through talks and seminars but offering them practical tools to be able to provide for their homes and build sustainable ventures for generations to come!



Pretty Kekana

Pretty Kekana is the founder of Motsha Teens an NPO based in Ratanda in Heidelberg. Pretty's NPO assists in fighting social ills, provides life skills training and support, helps teenagers to navigate through adolescence, and provide skills trainings and access to information to empower teenagers to be leaders in their communities and schools.

Motsha works with hundreds of teenagers who have transformed and with 50 students who are beneficiaries for school fees supports, sanitary pads, 200 food parcels during covid for distressed families. Motsha Teens also provides free counselling to teenagers.

Pretty Kekana was the runner up for the Basadi Awards 2022, hosted by the Gauteng Legislature (category community builder of the year). Pretty Kekana is a community leader, social entrepreneur, psychology graduate and certified life coach. She is highly passionate about youth development and creating opportunities and access to information to allow young people to thrive. She's passionate about improving her community to be internationally competitive by finding ways to reduce poverty, fight for equal quality education and health services, and raising independent thinkers who are as passionate and solutions driven.



Boitemogelo Mmakou



Kgopotso Boshomane



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Boitemogelo Mmakou

Boitemogelo Mmakou is the founder and director of Her Majesty Organisation. HER MAJESY ORGANISATION is a pageant blog, which was established in the year 2019. The platform brings together the world of beauty pageants, with the aim of redefining and revolutionizing the standards of beauty by creating social development through women empowerment.

The work of Her Majesty Organisation is achieved through online interviews profiling all women behind the scenes and at the forefront of pageants; from queens, to organizers, founders, CEOs etc. as they let us in on their different journeys of becoming pioneers in the pageantry space.

The two founders and directors; Boitemogelo Mmakou and Onkemetse Tlape, saw a gap in the market and built their platform to spread a message on having beauty with a purpose; inspiring women everywhere that beauty is indeed within them.

Her Majesty Organisation has recently been awarded the Woman Empowerment Category Award at the South African Hero Awards 2022 and is currently nominated for Top Movement Campaign for their It Is Within Her Series at the Mr & Miss Municipalities of South Africa National Awards 2022.



Kgopotso Boshomane

Kgopotso has cultivated a great following and inspired many young aspiring cooks to try out her amazing recipes. She has dedicated herself to sharing cooking content and taking her followers through detailed steps of how to replicate her dishes.

Kgopotso has taken the time to engage her following through continuous conversations where she'd publicly answer their questions. Her following consists of both male and females who are constantly engaged to try out her exciting recipes. Her work brings creativity to family meals and the excitement to get to the dinner table.

She started from hosting cooking in a two-plate stove without fail and has grown immensely. Kgopotso is currently the food blogger for The Feature Magazine, where she shares delicious recipes every month.



Thandeka Malange

As a first-year intern, Thandeka has already published 4 articles, 3 of which are PubMed recognised and 1 with an internationally recognised Professor. She continues to teach members of the community online regarding medical conditions in a way that is funny and engaging.

Thandeka is a true trailblazer and woman to watch for the future. She may be young, but at her age has already shown excellence and care for her craft



Kabelo Kgodane



Tinyiko Simbine



Thato Mathole

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Kabelo Kgodane

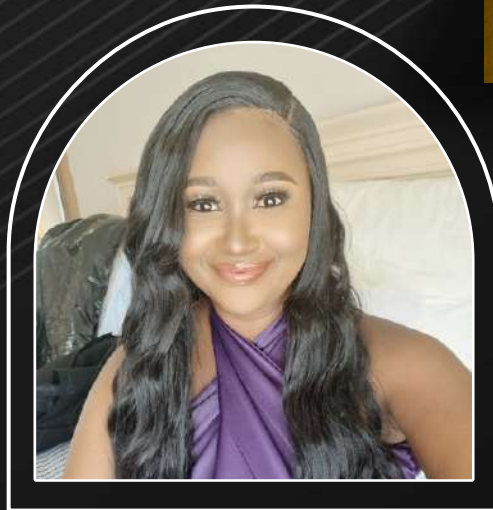
Kabelo is a conscious global citizen and a future captain of industry currently working as a Business Development Manager for airlines in Sub-Saharan Africa. She is working to give passengers on the African continent a world class air travel experience by helping airlines, airports and ground handlers find better ways of working with sustainable communication and information technology solutions.

Kabelo is recognised as a Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South African 2021 in the category of Tourism & Hospitality. She has also been named The 2021 Accenture Rising Star and is one of Top 5 ICT professionals under the age of 40 in South Africa.

Additionally, Kabelo has won the 2022 Black Management Forum's Young Professional of the Year Award.

Kabelo believes that the future of Africa is purely digital and when not working on My Pocket Coach (a digital platform that democratizes access to image, communication & leadership coaching), she is busy with her postgraduate studies. Kabelo is currently pursuing her Master of Management in the field of Digital Business at WITS Business School. She is a philanthropist and has worked on initiatives aimed at contributing to the United Nations Sustainability Goals, namely, goal 2: Zero Hunger, goal 4: Quality Education and goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation.

Alongside her educational and career pursuits, Kabelo also aims to change lives through her work as the immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Sandton and as Head of Community Development at the Black Management Forum Young Professionals, Sandton chapter.



Tinyiko Simbine

Tinyiko who is an award-winning entrepreneur and co-Founder and CFO of GirlCode, wants more women to pursue careers in information and communications technology. She is about fostering a culture of learning among females to help bridge the gender gap in the ICT sector.

Tinyiko aims to ensure that the less fortunate aren't left behind in this technologically advanced world. She wants to bring more women into tech spaces in South Africa. She says she would like to see an African "Silicon Valley" where women have taken up the space "and lever their skills to better African countries".

Tinyiko is passionate about empowering young females to pursue careers in ICT and is providing them with the skills to innovate the country's tech industry. Tinyiko has been part of GirlCode's Executive team for 7 years now. An initiative which started off as a hackathon to get more girls excited about tech and has grown to be the largest women in ICT lead organisation in South Africa. GirlCode has grown into a national non-profit organization impacting hundreds of young girls through various initiatives.



Thato Mathole

Thato Mathole is a seasoned mining specialist with exposure to platinum, gold and iron ore. She has been in the mining industry for more than 14 years. She has a degree in geology and recently graduated with her MBA. She is passionate about young upcoming mining graduates becoming better leaders and equips them with skills that will assist them in getting jobs, businesses and becoming better leaders in the country.

Thato is not only a geologist, but she does some volunteering work for organisations such as The Black Management Forum Young Professional Sandton Branch, Bridge the Gap Geosciences and South African National Institute of Rock Engineering Gauteng branch. In her spare time, she organises trips for ladies on how to be better moms, wife, and create a platform where they can be able to talk work life balance in the form of mental health, finances and career growth.

Thato is passionate about networking and helping other people to network so that they can have more access to opportunities. She believes in career coaching and sponsorship because to her, 'as you rise you must also lift others'.



Lindelwa Mahlalela ▶



Lucy Pearl Khofi



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Lindelwa Mahlatela

Lindelwa started a company called LeeConnect where she assists young people with university and bursary applications. She has assisted more than 1500 learners alone and has been an advocate for quality education. Her company won the Motsepe Foundation Golden Circle Pitch and the Stellenbosch University EDHE Internal Round.

Lindelwa is very passionate about education and aims to make it fashionable indeed.



Lucy Pearl Khofi

Lucy Pearl Khofi is a Medical Anthropologist, Pracademic, and a Multi-Award-Winning advocate for women's health, including sexual and reproductive health. Lucy is currently doing her Ph.D. in Public Health and Medical Anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand. For her Ph.D., she is part of the NWO/NRF project entitled Eco-imagining WEF in urban South Africa, a collaboration between South Africa (University of Witwatersrand) and the Netherlands (University of Amsterdam).

Lucy is a trailblazer that wears different caps. Lucy started her NPO in 2020 called "Women's Health Ekklesia". The aim of this organization is to tackle sexual and reproductive health realities and advocate for justice while uplifting, empowering, and educating individuals. Women's Health Ekklesia is in partnership with local schools, local clinics, and other private organizations, this initiative addresses UN Goal 3 "Good Health and Well-being for all". Lucy is serving as Chairperson on SRJC Board (2022/2023). Additionally, Lucy is a Founder at Imfundo Enhle, this organisation advocates for access to equal education.

Lucy has been recognised and received awards for her Activism in South Africa, this includes the Wits Covid- 19 Hero 2020, Mail & Guardian 200 Young South Africans 2021 in the Health category, Wits Movers and Shakers 2021 in the health category, and Inside Education Top 100 Shining stars 2022 in the education category.



Education

Nozipho Mashaba

Nozipho Mashaba runs a youth development organisation that promotes respect of self and of others, as well as tolerance of cultural diversity. Her organisation works towards entrenching confidence in young people through coaching, training, and inspiring them to become active leaders in their communities.

Nozipho provides extra-mural activities for young girls in the form of debating, public speaking, drama and pageantry. She has continuously shown the power of working together through providing extra lessons to help learners navigate their academics and improve their skills.

Growing up in a community where substance abuse, violence and crime were rampant, Nozipho used education to better her own life. She is now committed to keeping the children of Ha-Kutama off the streets and focused on their schooling. Through her initiatives Nozipho provides high school learners with support to excel in their studies and increase their chances of a better future. The learners she assists have achieved an average of over 80% in matric. She also provides career guidance, helping pupils through the process of applying for tertiary institutions and bursaries.

Her educational programs focused on mentoring young people from the age of 12-35 to become civic-minded leaders, helping to break the cycle of GBV, unemployment and poverty through opening pathways to their aspired careers from 7th grade throughout university graduation, until they start their working careers.

Nozipho does all that through partnerships with schools, communities, and corporations, in providing scholars with three key opportunities: career-focused experiential learning, mentoring relationships, and character development. With a heavy focus on career paths, corporate volunteer integration, emotional intelligence training and long-term mentoring.



Sasha-Lee Taylor

Sasha-Lee and Savannah Taylor have been working with orphans and underprivileged children since a very young age. Their home is about 100 meters away from two orphanages that they frequently visit. At a very young age the two of them realized that education and equal opportunities is something that they wanted to concentrate on. For them education, and high-quality education is not something that young children should only dream of, it is something they should have access to.

They started with registering a campaign called Learn to read, Learn to lead. Part of this campaign was to write educational books of a high standard, but with a twist to it. The first book was about an alien that landed on planet earth and how he learns to live and experience the South African lifestyle. The main character was named after our very own Madiba (Nelson Mandela) and was named "Tata". The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund bought into the concept and the two sisters were invited to the National Youth summit held at parliament in 2018. During this illustrious session, the book also won book of the year and the sisters won the philanthropist of the year award bestowed upon them by the CEO of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (NMCF).

During this session in parliament children as young as 10 years old were asking parliamentarians for an equal opportunity to access education. This led to even more and bigger things – the second book, which focused on counting through the lens of a bullying narrative, and now the third book which focuses on animals and safety, which is in its final stages.

The books are of high-quality print and paper in A5 format and more than 185 pages each. The books can be written on with a pencil and a rubber used to erase any workings. The books are also available in digital format for those schools wanting to access it through digital medium.

The books were introduced to schools in the Western Cape as well as Gauteng and can also be found in school libraries in Bulgaria, making it a truly international experience. In all, wherever the book was presented it was labelled as of high-quality educational international standards.

We have also had the opportunity to showcase the books on Espresso, and had numerous news articles written about the books, and had opportunities to speak to the public about the books on radio – giving them the much-needed exposure.

The Department of Education is off course the next step to ensure even more exposure for our books. The NMCF and the Tshwane Child Welfare Fund (assisting with translations into Zulu for now) are the main beneficiaries of 25% each of the net profits made from the sales. The balance of the funds is used to convert shipping containers into libraries and mobile workstations to assist in areas where facilities are much needed.

The dream is to create a literate nation through education and to ensure that the campaign assist those mostly in need of a better life



Dr Malebo Mashaba



Dr Ntokozo Mzimela

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Dr Ntokozo Mzimela

Dr Mzimela is a phenomenal change-maker who has impacted many lives through her NGO, The Unbreakable Souls. She focuses on raising awareness on the importance of mental health and how one can go about bettering the state of their overall mental wellbeing.

Through The Unbreakable Souls, she teaches that mental health is the centre of all health, where she emphasises the importance of having a community that will mend your broken heart and heal your soul so you can enjoy life again.

Dr Ntokozo actively engages using social media and radio stations to teach about COVID-19 in simple terms and has been recognised alongside previous Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize by an NGO based in Nigeria as a Front-Line Hero. She has been nominated this year as Medical Specialist of The Year in Mpumalanga for going the extra mile in making sure that communities receive health education. Her intention is to expand health literacy to rural places in vernacular language.



Dr Malebo Mashaba

Dr Malebo is registered as a Clinical Psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), Bpsych (UL), MA (SA), Phd (NWU). She is the Founder of Action Change-(NPO) which focuses on substance abuse programs and has contributed to the body of knowledge on Nyaope in South Africa.

Dr Malebo is also the founder of Rixile Health Group (Pty, Ltd) which seeks to mainly address mental health challenges looking at diverse mental health disorders. She has 12 years' experience as a mental health expert with over 100000 lives impacted from different communities, law firms, TVET Colleges, and Gauteng government departments through her programs.

As the founder for Action for Change which focuses on substance use programs, she has contributed to the body of knowledge on Nyaope in South Africa. With this initiative she endeavours towards contributing to the eradication, treatment and prevention of the enormous escalating substance use amongst young people in South Africa. Additionally, she seeks to provide services in curbing and treatment of drug related challenges in the society, facilitating social reintegration programs of affected individuals and their families.

Substance abuse has been highlighted by Dr Malebo as one of the major contributors to the poor mental health of young people in South Africa. Rixile Health Group was thus born to champion and address societal mental health problems to the country at large.



FOOD O'CLOCK:
SIMPLE CHRISTMAS
LUNCH
Kgopotso Boshomane

FOR CHICKEN:

INGREDIENTS

- 800g of whole chicken
- 2 tbsp of freshly squeezed lemon
- 3 tbsp of garlic butter
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tbsp of chicken spice
- 1 tsp of paprika

DIRECTIONS

- season chicken with salt and pepper
- in a small bowl mix garlic butter, lemon juice, chicken spice and paprika and add it to the chicken. Make sure all the areas of the chicken are covered with butter
- put In the oven for 45MIN at 180 degrees
- after 45 min in the oven, use the chicken juices in the pan to brush over the chicken and put in the oven for 15 min and ready to serve

FOR ROASTED VEGGIES:

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pkt of mixed roasted veggies
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tsp of rosemary and thyme seasoning
- 1 tbsp of olive oil

DIRECTIONS

- add the olive oil to the veggies
- add rosemary and thyme, salt and pepper and mix well
- put in the oven for 20MIN at 160 degrees

SPINACH AND FETA RICE:

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup of rice
- 1 tsp of spice for rice
- 1 handful of baby spinach
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup of chopped robot peppers chopped finely
- 1 tsp of paprika
- 1/2 of crushed garlic
- 1 tbsp of olive oil
- feta cheese

DIRECTIONS

- cook rice according to package
- in a separate pan. Add olive oil and robot pepper and sautéed till soft, and add paprika and crushed garlic, and baby spinach and cook for 2 min
- add cooked rice and mix well till all the ingredients are well combined.
- sprinkle some feta